

## **AED Program Announcement**

On behalf of Acting Governor Codey, we are pleased to announce that every municipality and fire district with its own fire department is eligible to receive at least one Automatic External Defibrillator. These defibrillators will not only help save civilian lives but those of our brave firefighters as well. Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski was instrumental in including this program in the fiscal year 2006 State budget.

Some municipalities may receive more than one defibrillator based on population or area served. These additional defibrillators will be distributed once every eligible fire department has received one. Each municipality will also receive one training simulator to be utilized for training fire department staff on using the defibrillators.

The placement of the initial and subsequent defibrillators in municipalities with more than one fire department, fire company or fire district will be determined by the Mayor and or the governing body. The placement of the initial or subsequent defibrillators in fire districts with more than one fire department or fire company will be determined by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

The only requirement to receive a defibrillator is participation in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) commencing no later than January 1, 2006. The Division of Fire Safety will provide technical and staff support, as well as software for the National Fire Incident Reporting System.

Application packages were mailed to Mayors, or in the case of fire districts, the Board of Fire Commissioners. The package includes an information sheet explaining the program in detail, an instruction sheet, an application, two agreements and a fire department survey. Applications must be returned to the Division of Fire Safety by Friday, November 4, 2005. If you have any questions, please contact the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) information line at 609-292-1353.